

DD Palmer criticized in Bee journal?

Todd Waters (on Chiropractic History FB group 9 Nov 2019):

The owner of a bee publication, wrote a surprising article criticizing his fellow bee-keepers who were Spiritualists. He gave a personal account of a man who lived with a woman whom he was not married to. This man's actual wife left, because she was told by the spirits to leave for another. This was not that far off from the time Abba left and DD was getting chummy with his housekeeper, who it appears became his second wife. DD objected to this article and demanded that three of his own articles got printed verbatim about family governance.

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The editor was a Spiritualist who had recently converted to Christianity. He wrote a column in the bee paper on *family governance* (morality.) Make no mistake, he knew DD Palmer, and another Spiritualist who objected to the letter. I think the article implicated both men without naming them. The event of a Spiritualist's marital infidelity was in a reasonable time period from when Abba Lord left DD to when he got chummy with his housemaid and married her. I believe, (Warning speculation) that the boy named Honey, was Louvenia's child. This blue eyed boy who is a mystery was living with DD around 1873-4. There is no trace of him following, which leads me to believe he is who we know as Frank.

I checked the *American Bee Journal* available on Hathitrust for this article using the search parameters “housekeeper” and “spiritualist” with no results.

That said, I also did a search of “Palmer” and none of DD Palmer’s letters were identified which indicates the search function is selective.

Possibly the search function on Hathitrust only checks those parts that have been indicated as searchable, e.g. contributors, advertisers, etc, rather than the entire journal.

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